

PROCLAMATION

Whereas the week of April 26 to May 3, 1941 has been selected as "Boys and Girls Week" throughout the United States in order to focus attention upon boys and girls, their potentialities, and their problems; and

Whereas the objects of this week are to awaken an increasing number of adults to the joys and opportunities of helping youth; to give impetus to year-round programs and character building activities for the general welfare of boys and girls by acquainting the public with the agencies which are serving this purpose; to emphasize the importance of the complete development of boys and girls, physically, mentally, and spiritually, emphasizing the functions of the home, the school, and the church in this development; to instill in boys and girls love of country, respect for law and established institutions, and a realization of the benefits and responsibilities of citizenship; and

Whereas boys and girls who are healthy, self-reliant, well trained and loyal are vital to the security of our country; and

Whereas, because "total defense" involves not only better armies and navies, but better boys and girls as well, we believe it would be neither safe nor consistent with our humanitarian principles and the educational policies of our State to neglect to build better character and citizenship among our boys and girls while giving so much thought and energy to material defense;

Therefore, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning April 26th and ending May 3rd, 1941, as "Boys and Girls Week" in this state, and I do call upon the businessmen, civic organizations, churches, schools, and citizens at large to cooperate with their local Boys and Girls Week committees in carrying on this worthy program.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of South Dakota to be hereto affixed this 25th day of April, 1941.

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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